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PRESTIGE IS OUR TEAM'S AIM

THE Australian national team will win a "terrific amount" of international prestige for the country by playing in World Cup elimination games in South Korea in October.

Mr. Brian Le Fevre, the Australian Soccer Federation's new $6000-a-year secretary, said this when hitting back at critics of the bid this week.

He rejected claims made recently by VSF deputy chairman, John Gorton, that the ASF was "throwing $50,000 down the drain" by putting a team into the competition.

Mr. Gorton said the money would have been better spent building up a team of Australian-born players for the future and boosting the game in the States.

Mr. Le Fevre, who took up his duties last week, said: "This must be a short-sighted outlook.

"I am convinced that the experience gained by going to South Korea will prove invaluable in the years ahead, which will be vital to the Australian game.

"People seem to be overlooking the fact that there is a chance we could go well in our group and prove ourselves to be good sporting ambassadors.

"I agree that our chances of topping the group may be slim, but it won't be a wasted effort.

"Even if we pulled off only a couple of good wins and hit the headlines, the publicity value would be immense.

"And you never know, we might go one better. There have been plenty of giant-killing acts in soccer. Our men won't lack spirit and courage."

Mr. Le Fevre said there was no doubt that soccer had a future in Australia.

"There are thousands of youngsters playing the game now in the schools, and more migrant families arriving every week. Australian boys are taking to the game, too.

"I know there is a lot of room for improvement in all spheres of our set-up, because we seem to lose a lot of youngsters somewhere along the line.

"But I am sure that these faults will be corrected and that the round ball will run smoothly."

John had a busy day...

BOX HILL goalie John Hagar had a busy day in the match against Polonia at the week-end. In the picture above Hagar combines with Box Hill centre-half Jimmy Young to hold off a lone Polonia attacker. Box Hill won the match 3-1.

Battle for Dutch side

TOP Dutch side Ajax faced their biggest test yet yesterday (May 28) when they clashed with Italy's tough A.C. Milan in the final of the European Cup in Madrid.

At the time of going to press the result was not know, but the Dutchmen, despite good wins in early rounds, were the outsiders in this battle for Europe's coveted trophy.

To reach the final, the first Dutch side to do so, Ajax downed Czechoslovakia's Spartak Trvana in the two-legged semi-final. But they only just made it.

They won the first game 3-0 in Holland, and looked to be on a good thing when they lined up for the second clash in Bratislava.

But the Czechs had other ideas and two brilliant goals early in the second half had Ajax reeling.

Spartak threw everything into attack in a bid to get the equaliser, and only desperate defence and an element of luck saw the Dutchmen into the final on a 3-2 aggregate.

Milan, hard Cup fighters, and winners of the trophy before, also scraped into the final on a one-goal margin.

Their semi-final brought them up against the talented Manchester United, the Cup holders, and what a tussle it was.

The dour Milan men came out of the first round in Italy with a 2-0 margin.

United went flat out from the first whistle in the Old Trafford return, but could pierce the solid Italian defence only once, with a Bobby Charlton effort in the second half.

A big factor in the Italian win was the screening of ace striker Denis Law by the Milan defenders.

They stayed closer than a leech to the quicksilver United man to make sure that their team held on to its slim lead.

In the last 20 minutes United laid siege to the Milan goal in a bid for victory—but it was not to be.

JOHNNY'S KEEN TO RETURN

JOHNNY ANDERSON, the former Hakoah linkman, who returned to the UK last year, may soon be seen in Victorian soccer again.

He has written to the club saying he is keen to get back here with his family.

Before joining Hakoah, whom he served for about a season and a half, Anderson played with Hellas. It was then that he showed himself to be one of the best midfield men to play here.

Two other men will soon boost the Hakoah ranks, which have been hard hit by injury this term.

They are young half-back David Baker, who is returning from the UK to rejoin the Middle Park side, and a newcomer, Sandy McLeod, who is reported to have had many years as a professional with Colchester United.

Both are expected to arrive in Melbourne about the middle of this month.

Heinz switches

FORMER Hellas goalie Heinz Wenzl, who has been missing from the State League scene for some time, has signed for Lions.

BACK IN THE NEWS

TWO men in the news at the week-end were J.U.S.T. half-back Tommy McPherson and Juventus midfield man David Close.

McPherson is just back fom a trip to Scotland and keen to join the fray again.

Closs, transfer-listed by Juventus for some time, has been loaned to Polonia until the end of the season.

He turned out for the Maribyrnong club in the second half against Box Hill on Saturday, but ended up on the losing side.

BUSY SELLERS

BIRMINGHAM could be busy summer sellers in England. Blackburn and Blackpool are interested in $125,000 leader Fred Pickering.

And several clubs are waiting to see if Welsh international full-back Colin Green becomes available now that Bobby Thomson has moved in.

He is likely to be allowed to go if the fee is big enough.

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POLONIA goalie Jerzy Blank misses the ball during the match against Box Hill. Box Hill won the match 3-1.

Battle for the schools

The battle to put soccer into the schools is going on with the full help of the Education Dept. The main target is the primary schools.

Victoria's director of coaching, Ollie Norris, said: "We are getting every co-operation from the authorities now that the game is on the official curriculum, so the sport must kick on."

Mr. Norris and other members of the Victorian Coaches' Association are the men doing most of the spadework by visiting schools to pass on their soccer knowledge.

Mr. Norris added: "The response from the schools has been so good we have now sent out several hundred circulars to primary schools to gauge the interest in soccer.

"There are hundreds of youngsters waiting to play the game and once we get the go-ahead from individual schools we will start a program of soccer clinics for teachers.

"At these sessions we will instruct the teachers in the skills of the game so that they can in turn put the boys in the picture."

Latest move in the schools plan was a visit by Mr. Norris, Bill Curran (Hellas) and Ken Kontra (St. Albans) to the Coburg Teachers' College.

There they lectured about 3 primary school teachers, covering all aspects of play such as correct method of kicking, ball control, heading and the art of goalkeeping.

Mr. Curran, a former referee, also explained the laws of the game.

Mr. Curran said later: "Just now there is very little soccer played in primary schools. Boys don't come into the game until they are about 14, and this is far too late."

It was the coaches' second visit to the Coburg college, where an all-sports seminar for teachers was being held.

ALTONA IS ON WAY UP

Altona officials claimed this week that their 10-year plan to lift the club into State League soccer is going well.

The first stage, to win a place in the first division, has been completed and the aim now is to stay there until:

1. Facilities are such that supporters can enjoy full comfort at games;

2. A pavilion for after-match entertainment and social events is built, also dressing rooms;

3. Juniors are fully trained in all the skills of soccer so that, in the years ahead, they will be ready to lift the club into top company.

Officials reckon they are well on the way with the junior scheme, claiming that their Under-14 side is one of the best in Australia!

Two of the men behind the hard work being put in on the youngsters are junior secretary Bill Spencer and coach Ian Roberts.

They are well backed up by other enthusiastic club members who train boys, right down to the Under-8s.

Several cups and trophies have been won, proof that the effort is paying off. And several Altona youngsters have figured in State sides.

The club is also determined to improve on its present support of about 250 for first division games. They are trying to get help from other clubs to have Sunday Metro games introduced, which they feel would boost crowds.

A key worker for the club is president Mr. L. C. Noordenne, whose enthusiasm has won the support of the City Council. Others are secretary Mr. J. Collins and coaches Mr. H. Sutherland and J. Innes.

BOX HILL goalie John Hagar (right) has the ball safe in the match against Polonia. Other players in the picture from left are Polonia winger Ziggy Gadecki, Box Hill half-back John Brown and half-back Bobby McLachlan.

Melbourne sign two

Melbourne are determined to halt the slide which has taken them to third-bottom spot in the State League table, with only four points from seven games.

Two men who could help them do it are new signings Istvan Bleskany, from Jugoslavia, and Norman Davie, who played in Scottish junior soccer.

Bleskany, a winger, was with second division side Spartak Subutica. He arrived last weekend and could go straight into the team for the game with George Cross.

The Melbourne defence, especially again recently has shown that it can be a formidable formation.

Club officials are convinced that with Bleskany and Davie in action the attack will be sharpened and the team will start a climb up the ladder.

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MORE SIGNINGS

THE Juventus signings go on. Latest arrivals are Scots Bernard Docherty and Bill Murray.

Docherty plays as a link-man and Murray is a goalie.

THE GOALSCORERS

A complete list of goalscorers, for all State League games, is given below. David Gorrie, of South Melbourne Hellas, heads the list. He and Branko Buljevic, of Footscray-J.U.S.T., are the only players to register hat-tricks so far.

BOX HILL — Coles 3, Craig 2, Bray 2, Oxton 1, McGregor 1. Total 9.

CROATIA — J. McKay 4, Vojtek 2, Hargreaves 2, Adlam 1, Rau 1, Gitzel 1, Irvine (Juventus), own goal. Total 12.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. — Buljevic 7, Zoraja 5, Brkic 1, A. Kazi 1. Total 14.

GEORGE CROSS—Vella 5, McCallum 3, Armour 1, Gardiner 1. Total 10.

POLONIA — Adamczyk 1, Kowalec 1, Gadja 1, Gadecki 1, Morson (George Cross) o.g. Total 5.

RINGWOOD CITY WILHELMINA — Steele 5, Spiekerman 4, Edgley 3, Atkins Bune 1, Young (Box Hill) o.g. Total 18.

ESSENDON LIONS — Smart 6, Horner 5, Murney 2, Starczak 1, Rooney 1, Patterson 1, Van Zeist 1. Total 17.

JUVENTUS — Thomson 4, Robertson 4, Epifano 2, Connelly 1, Di Marchi 1, McColl 1, Scott (Melb.), o.g. Total 14.

PORT MELBOURNE SLAVIA — Butler 4, I. Reid 1, A. Reed 1, Livingstone 1. Total 7.

HAKOAH — Armstrong 3, McDonald 3, Fry 3, Clarey 3, Cameron 1. Total 13.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS — Gorrie 9, Ackerley 5, Pyrgolios 3, Panagiotopoulos 2, Adamtsikis 1, Orlinski (Polonia) o.g. Total 23.

MELBOURNE — A. Scott 2, Pocock 1, Rattray 1, Wallace 1, Rogers 1. Total 6.

NEW CLUB

JUVENTUS goalie Dieter Voigt, who has been playing second fiddle since the arrival of Jack Reilly from Scotland, could be in action again soon—with a new club.

He has signed for Croatia, where he will share the between-the-sticks job with regular, Mike Kovacec.

Top side to disband

LOVELL'S ATHLETIC, the Welsh premier League side, will disband after completing their remaining fixtures this year.

The team, formed 51 years ago, soon became known as "The Toffee Men."

This was because of their close connection with the Newport confectionery firm of G. F. Lovell and Co.

The club is winding up because of poor support and the likelihood that they will lose their ground because of a factory extension.

RADIO RESULTS

Many letters are rolling in to Soccer News on the subject of broadcast results on 3XY.

"Soccer News" has contacted the station and was informed that the sponsor was satisfied with the arrangement, whereby State League and First Division results ONLY are broadcast and the remainder may be had by ringing 34 5322 after 6.30 p.m.

The sponsor was contacted and said he was FAR FROM SATISFIED. It did not meet the conditions of his original contract. "Soccer News" tested the time taken to read the results, slowly and clearly. A break in between each division, to simulate the playing of a record, was made. The total time taken to read the results was EXACTLY 2 minutes and 15 seconds.

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Once more, we advise ALL READERS TO WRITE to the station demanding a "fair go" for soccer.

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Soccer on TV

The Scottish Soccer Cup Final may be replayed on the ABC's Saturday afternoon "Sportsview" program. No firm decision has yet been reached.

Future soccer programs on ABC television are: European Cup semi-final, May 21; Ireland v. Scotland, June 11; Scotland v. Wales, June 25; England v. Wales, July 2; England v. Scotland, July 9; Ireland v. Wales, July 16; International Soccer, July 23.

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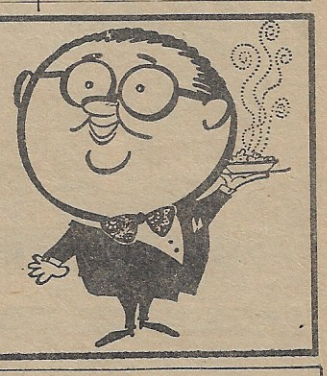

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George Yelland looks at State League form

BOX HILL'S CLEAR WIN

BOX HILL broke the drought with a clever win over Polonia last Saturday. They looked lively and forceful in the first half, but faded badly after the interval.

To really get themselves out of trouble they must give sustained effort for the full hour and a half. As a result of the win Box Hill exchange places with Polonia.

Another spurt of lawless behaviour on the field led to the dismissal of Kovacek (Croatia), Samchez and Ferguson (George Cross). Linesman Geoff Harrison was knocked out by a stone thrown by a spectator.

Ringwood City Wilhelmina took a one-point clear lead at the head of the table. Having surrendered only three goals in eight games they are worthy leaders.

South Melbourne Hellas, after scoring 22 goals in six games, have scored only one in the last two matches.

It would be a pity for soccer if Hellas forsook their all-out attacking style.

Juventus came back strongly after the Ringwood City defeat and cannot be taken lightly.

Injury - ridden Hakoah gave a fine display in downing a disappointing George Cross. John O'Neill was a great general and complete master of the middle.

BOX HILL 3 (McGregor 3, POLONIA 1 (Gadecki). Referee: Mr. L. Stafrade. Wembley Park. Crowd 455.

TEAMS—Box Hill: Hagar, Rac, Voce, Brown, Young, McLachlan, Oxton, McGregor, Craig, Brownlie, Coles. **Polonia:** Blank, Orlinski, Sowula, Czerniecki, Olinowski, Siwka, Gadecki, Zurawski, Swoboda, Adamczyk, Plaskota. Closs replaced Plaskota for the second half.

Box Hill staged a terrific comeback after surrendering a four-minute goal to Polonia. Gadecki took advantage of the home defence standing flat-footed, appealing for offside, to put his side one up.

There was plenty of action in the first half, in which Box Hill faced the slope and a slight breeze.

In the 10th minute Peter Craig put up a good through ball to Coles. The left-winger ran on to it gleefully and smashed it past Blank for an equaliser.

Polonia went back into attack and Adamszyk kicked the crossbar with a 20-yard blast.

John Brown played magnificently, battling tigerishly and frequently pushing good through balls to his forwards.

One through pass to Coles brought the second goal after only 16 minutes. Two minutes before the interval, a quick throw in by Bobby McLachlan was flicked on to McGregor by Peter Craig. The inside-right hit it on the volley from 20 yards.

Blank never moved as the ball flashed into the far corner of the net.

The second half was anti-climax, with neither side showing much initiative, determination or accuracy.

Box Hill will have to keep up pressure for 90 minutes when facing stronger sides.

LIONS 2 (Smart 2), MELBOURNE 1 (Wallace). Referee: Mr. R. Randall. Montgomery Park. Crowd 680.

TEAMS—Lions: Evans, Roseweir, Schwartz, Murney, Walker, Bartley, Patterson, Smart, Horner, Rooney, Starczak. Van Zeist replaced Patterson in the second half. **Melbourne:** Gerrard, McGowan, Searn, Shanks, Scott, Wallace, Gray, Deeming, Pocock, Rogers and Myers.

Lions extended their winning run at the expense of Melbourne, but not without a struggle.

They played brilliant attacking soccer for the first 15 minutes and ran to a two-goal lead.

Melbourne steadied for Wallace to reduce the leeway. Just before half-time a Rogers header brought a masterly save from Evans.

Had that one gone in, the result might well have been different for Melbourne. The visitors improved as the game progressed.

Forced on to the defensive in the second half, Lions hung on to win.

Rooney had a great game and Smart proved a fine opportunist.

PORT MELBOURNE SLAVIA 0, FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 2 (Brkic, A. Kazi). Referee: Mr. D. Wootten. Murphy Reserve. Crowd 436.

TEAMS—Slavia: O'Hara, A. Reed, McBain, Paul, Cook, Sneddon, Livingstone, I. Reid, Butler, Kraus and Gildea. **Footscray J.U.S.T.:** Fode, Colovic, Rusmir, Micic, Rice, Cirkovic, A. Kazi, Mihailovic, Zoraja, Buljevic, Brkic.

Class told in the end, but it was a closely fought and entertaining struggle.

It took a goal, direct from a corner kick by Brkic to open Footscray's account. In the end they won convincingly.

Both teams played plenty of attractive soccer, but lacked final penetration.

Micic, Rice and Cirkovic formed a barrier which Slavia's forwards could not penetrate.

Footscray played their usual brand of brilliant midfield soccer. They are in close proximity to the leaders, waiting for a slip. They are still determined to carry on for the flag.

Slavia, with more attacking bite, could be a telling force in the lead. Butler and Livingstone are potential goal scorers, but sometimes lack support.

RINGWOOD CITY WILHELMINA 1 (Barkley, CROATIA 0. Referee: Mr. H. Verniers. Jubilee Park. Crowd 1090.

TEAMS — R.C. Wilhelmina: Van Egmond, Plunkett, Vowles, Pygall, Bibby, Thompson, Steele, Seenstra, Edgeley, Spiekerman and Bunce. **Croatia:** Kovacek, D. Mackay, Gunn, Williams, Williamson, Rau, Gitzel, Davies, Vojtek, J. McKay, Mehdi. Hargreaves replaced Mehdi after 50 minutes.

Ringwood City started as though they would sweep Croatia off their feet.

In the second minute, a close-in header by Steele brought a fantastic reflex save from Kovacek.

Croatia steadied and the game developed into a dour struggle.

Jim Mackay tried all his tricks and Davies made several useful clashes up the middle.

Ringwood City's defence never lost poise. Admirably marshalled by Thompson, with Pygall constructive in all that he did, the Croatia attacks were never allowed to develop.

Nick van Egmond in goal is one of the best in the State. His handling and disposition are clean and precise.

Plunkett and Vowles are no - nonsense full - backs. They tackle hard and kick cleanly.

Edgeley had a quiet game, but the all-important goal, scored by him, was a beauty.

GEORGE CROSS 1 (Vella), HAKOAH 3 (Clearey, Fry 2). Referee: Mr. P. Finnegan. St. Kilda. Crowd 1421.

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TEAMS: GEORGE CROSS Kastner, Ferguson, Friedeberg, Sanchez, Ireland, Armour, Campbell, Morgan, McCallum, Kelly and Vella. Gardiner replaced Armour at 65 minutes. HAKOAH Henderson, Kessler, Lapich, Gadsby, O'Neill, Bridgeman, Fry, Clearey, Armstrong, McDonald and Thomas.

Following a moderate first half, in which Hakoah took the lead at the interval, this game sprang into life in the second term.

Fry added to Clearey's first half goal and then scored another from the penalty spot.

Five minutes from time, Vella was on hand to ram the ball home after good approach work by Kelly and a final shot from McCallum which Henderson could not hold.

Hakoah were the better side throughout. Their half-back line of Gadsby, O'Neill, and Bridgeman kept right rein on Cross's forwards.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0, JUVENTUS 0. Referee: Mr. C. Contini. Middle Park. Crowd: 9,550.

TEAMS: **S.M. Hellas:** Pavlas, Kelly, Mantarakes, Bedford, Dimitsianos, Mandalis, Pyrgolios, Kambouropoulos, Ackerley, Gorrie, Kalogerou. Adamtsikis replaced Ackerley after 80 minutes. **Juventus:** Reilly, Sonsini, Lakey, Della Rocca, Irvine, Goodwin, McColl, Salisbury, Thomson, Connelly and Robertson.

Both sides played defensively in the first half and attacks were easily smothered. With only three men each in the attacking zones goals seemed unlikely.

The second period was a complete switch. Both sides went into attack. Near misses and end-to-end play provided a vastly improved spectacle.

The battle between striker Gorrie and stopper Irvine, was a beauty, with honors going to Irvine for preventing the leading scorer from adding to his tally.

Dimitsianos was a good substitute for the absent David High. With Kelly and Mantarakas in great form the lively Juventus attack was effectively subdued.

Hellas look a far better side when they throw everything into attack.

POLONIA goalie Jerzy Blank has the ball safe this time in the match against Box Hill. Referee Lou Stafrace is on the left, with Box Hill centre-forward Peter Craig in the middle.

Lions a threat

LIONS have emerged as a positive threat for championship honours. Their all-out attacking policy is paying dividends while covering deficiencies in a somewhat suspect defence.

Twelve goals against four, for four wins at the last four games, is great encouragement for the Essendon club.

No longer can they be regarded as a chopping block. Smart and Horner are danger men in attack, with Jimmy Rooney supplying the craft. Youngsters Starzak and Patterson are improving wingers, who make their presence felt up forward.

The next three games will show how good Lions really are. On Saturday they meet Juventus at Olympic Park in a game that should be a brilliant crowd-pleasing encounter.

Lions' following two games are against Croatia and Footscray J.U.S.T. A tough program for any club.

On the good Olympic Park playing surface ball-playing artists Rooney and Smart will have ample opportunities to display their skill.

Juventus are a tough proposition. Irvine is a proven stopper. McColl, Thompson and Robertson are lively and dangerous attackers.

I think Lions will extend their winning sequence, but only after a tremendous battle.

Hakoah's in-and-out form makes them a difficult side to predict.

Box Hill were encouraged by a clear-cut win over Polonia last week, but then tend to relax badly in the second half. Brown, Young and Brownlie are in top form, with Hagar an efficient keeper. I cannot see them beating Hakoah, but if they go flat out for a full 90 minutes they could salvage a point.

Port Melbourne Slavia are too experienced and disciplined for Polonia and should have no trouble in beating the Maribyrnong side, who are having a thin time.

Croatia and South Melbourne Hellas meet in another tremendous battle at Olympic Park on Sunday.

In spite of their 1-0 defeat against top team Ringwood City, Croatia are a tough and capable side, who will extend Hellas to the limit.

Melbourne and George Cross meet in the St. Kilda Derby game.

With Ferguson and Sanchez facing the Disciplinary Tribunal, Cross may have to reshuffle their side. Although having a number of talented players they lack co-ordination in attack.

Melbourne are a much smoother team and will, I feel, produce the necessary finish to give them both points.

A battle of the giants takes place at Schintler Reserve on Sunday.

The ball artistry of Footscray is pitted against the cold, professional approach of Ringwood City.

I must go for Ringwood City because they have so far shown tremendous dedication and determination in all their encounters.

He'll coach team

OLLIS NORRIS, Victoria's director of coaching, will again coach the Technical Schools team this year.

The team's big moment will come in August, when the annual Dunkling Shield game with the High Schools will be staged.

Former Hakoah and J.U.S.T. goalie Bob Gough is in charge of the High Schools team, holders of the trophy.

The organisers are hoping to have the Shield fixture played as a curtain-raiser to a big game.

Lions are planning to stage an Under-14 eight-a-side tournament at their Essendon ground.

It will be a one-day affair and officials are hoping for a big response from other clubs. They want as many teams as possible to enter.

Anyone interested should contact Mr. G. Bolgarow, of the Lions Club.

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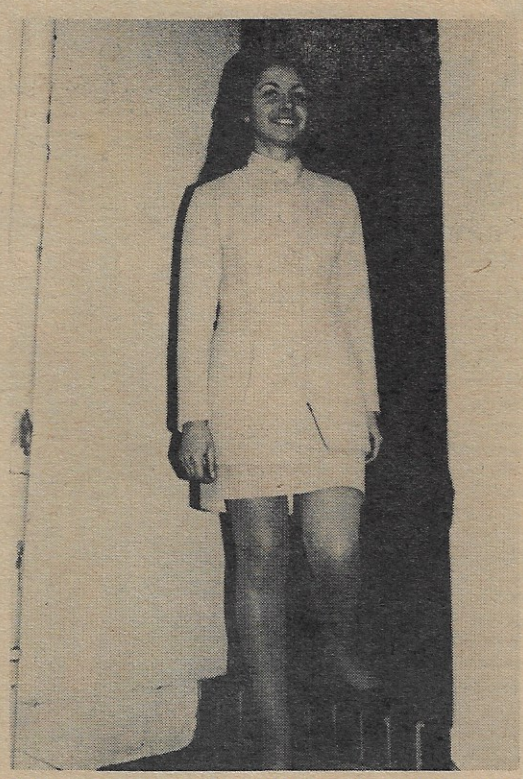

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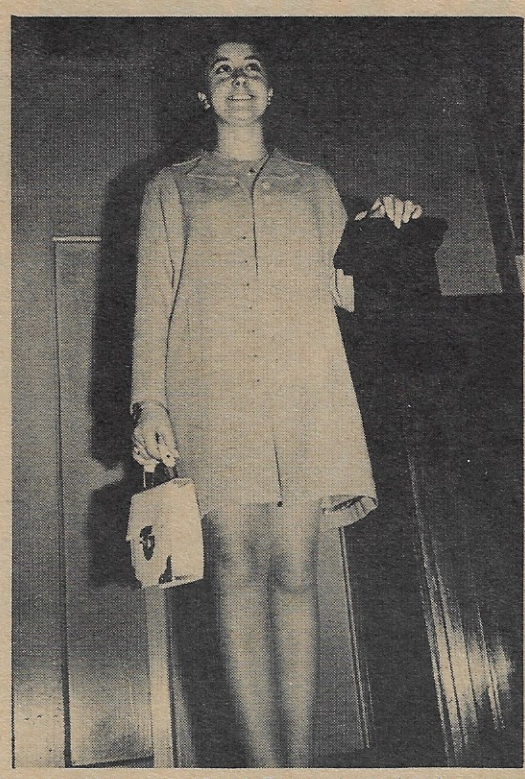

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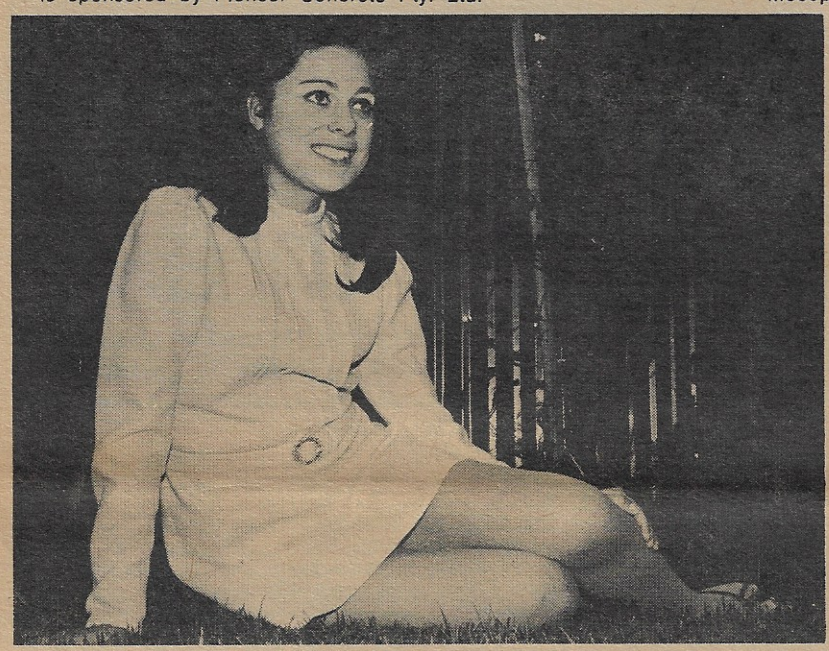

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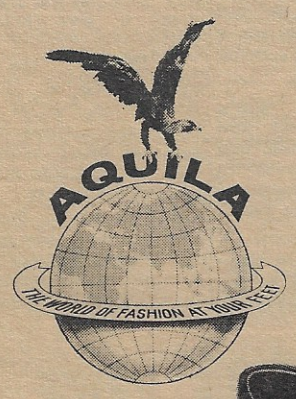

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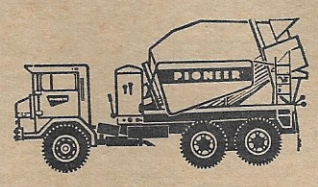

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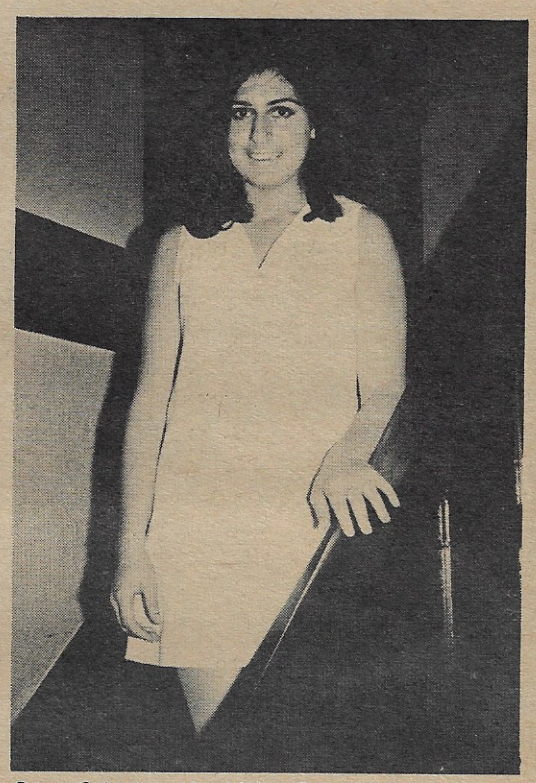

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ALEXANDER IS STILL ON TOP

By ALISTAIR COOK

ALEXANDER still retain a firm stranglehold on Metropolitan First Division leadership after last weekend's round of games, with most matches coming to a predictable conclusion.

They continue to hold a commanding three-point lead over their main challengers, and the Greek side's next three games against Elwood Austria, Dandenong City and Keilor City, should indicate whether or not the top position will be seriously threatened before the end of the season.

The position at the bottom of the table has become very interesting. Another win by St. Albans has put them only one point behind Sunshine City, Coburg United and Maribyrnong Triestina to make the outlook of these clubs grim indeed.

Alexander's 2-0 win over Springvale confirmed the thoughts of those who assessed the Vale as a team with a strong defence, but with little or no punch in attack.

Kerevelis missed an easy chance for Alexander early in the game, but Papaconstantinou put his side ahead afer 13 minutes, when he deceived Springvale keeper Peter Muir with a clever shot.

Springvale fought back well and Paul Rubens looked to have a good chance of scoring after 30 minutes, but the Alexander goalkeeper pulled off a great save.

Kerevelis made amends for his earlier miss when he increased Alexander's lead with a close-range shot 12 minutes after half-time, to give them another comfortable win.

GOOD FORM

Dandenong City again showed good form when they scored an impressive 3-0 win over Altona City.

Peter Lowen gave Dandenong the lead midway through the first half when he headed home a cross by Mick Hall, but good play by young Hans Van der Poel in the Altona goal prevented any further addition to the score.

Altona missed a chance to equalise at the 70-minute mark, when Dandenong goalkeeper Castricum was able to save a weak penalty kick.

Five minutes later Lowen increased Dandenong's lead when he tapped the ball home from six yards following good work on his side's right-wing by former George Cross forward Brian Holcombe.

Holcombe confirmed Dandenong's superiority before the final whistle, when he easily scored with a fine individual effort.

Ringwood United moved into third position on the ladder when they crushed Maribyrnong Triestina with a 5-1 victory.

It was not long before United went into the lead for after only two minutes left-winger Tilberg scored in typical fashion, following a good run down his wing.

The Maribyrnong side had one of their few chances soon after, but in the 11th minute David Johnston slammed home a good shot from 15 yards, after good play on the right wing.

Hans Westerveld increased the Ringwood side's lead just before half-time with a good header following a cross by Tilberg, but five minutes after the interval United's goalkeeper de Mann was forced to save a penalty kick after Bens had punched the ball over the bar.

Twenty minutes later Tony Watson easily scored after Triestina's goalkeeper had punched out a shot by Westerveld. Watson completed his side's great win five minutes before the end when he netted with a great 20-yard shot. A penalty kick just on time provided the Maribyrnong side's consolation goal.

CONVINCING

Keilor City, with a convincing 4-1 win over Coburg United, showed that they are by no means finished in the race for promotion.

City made several team changes in an effort to improve on their recent performances and reserve centre-forward John Szuwezuk justified his inclusion with two goals, while regulars Kax Klein and Stan Kovacs scored the others for Keilor.

Elwood Austria looked good in their 2-0 win over the struggling Preston-Makedonia side.

After 14 minutes Peter Reynolds put the Elwood side ahead from 15 yards, after a good shot by Brown had been deflected by a Makedonia defender.

Former Austria goalkeeper Mayer kept the Preston side in the game with some fine saves, and five minutes before half-time they had the ball in the net , but the referee ruled off-side.

Makedonia attacked well early in the second half by centre-half Carl Bright and linkman John Webb held Elwood's defence together.

Inside-forward Reynolds increased his side's lead in the 66th minute, when he scored with a good lob from 10 yards following a long range free kick by John Webb.

St. Albans scored another valuable win when they defeated Sunshine City 2-1.

The Saints took an early lead when the Sunshine keeper failed to hold the ball after only five minutes and one of their forwards easily scored.

SECOND DIVISION

Frankston City moved to undisputed leadership of Second Division, following the defeat of Waverley and a draw by Brunswick Athena.

City are now a point ahead of Richmond and Athena, while Park Rangers remain the chopping block of all teams at the bottom of the table.

Frankston City had to fight hard for their 2-1 victory over Albion Rovers.

Dave Morgan scored early in the first half for Frankston, after good work by George Quinell, but Rovers equalised after 30 minutes and City's defence was under a great deal of pressure from the experienced Rovers' side.

Frankston's attack failed to function as it has been doing in recent games, and it was left to right-back Tony Hall to score the winner for City in the second half.

Richmond lived up to their expectations with a 6-0 win over an under-strength Park Rangers' side.

Rangers, who were without many of their regulars, were forced to field five players who already had played a full game in the Reserve team, therefore it was not surprising that Richmond scored an easy win.

THIRD DIVISION

Ballarat, despite their 1-1 draw, still hold a one-point lead over East Melbourne Helvetic, Brighton and the up-and-coming St. Kilda side.

At the bottom of the table, after the crushing defeat at the hands of St. Kilda, University are still one point behind Chelsea, and the students look like joining Monash in the Fourth Division.

Helvetic forfeited any chance of leadership of this division when they were surprisingly beaten 2-0 by Heidelberg.

The East Melbourne side were obviously not fit, for they, too, were another team who fielded a number of players who had played in the Reserve team.

Heidelberg managed to hold the East Melbourne side goalless in the first half and 15 minutes after half-time they took the lead.

Croydon turned in a good performance when they held the Brighton side to a 1-1 draw.

Princes Park Hercules improved their position with a good 2-1 victory over Glenroy United.

United took an early lead after only 10 minutes.

Perry Skanagas, the Hercules centre-forward, equalised for his side three minutes before half-time and he went on to score the winning goal in the 84th minute.

FOURTH DIVISION

Although Newport's shock 3-0 win over Mooroolbark was the biggest surprise of the Metropolitan League, United still hold the lead of the Fourth Division by goal average.

SELECTIONS

Division 1: Alexander, Dandenong City, Keilor City, Triestina v. St. Albans draw, Ringwood United, Sunshine City. **Division 2:** Sandringham City, Frankston v. Prahran City draw, Albion Rovers, Green Gully Ajax, Waverley v. Richmond draw, Brunswick Athena. **Division 3:** Princes Park Hercules, Chelsea, Croydon, East Melbourne Helvetic, St. Kilda, Ballarat v. Brighton draw. **Division 4:** South Yarra, Eltham, Western Suburbs, Mooroolbark United, Newport, Doncaster Rovers.

POLONIA goalie Jerzy Blank punches the ball clear in the match against Box Hill. From left other players in the picture are Polonia centre-half Chic Olinowski, full-back George Orlinski and half-back Czerniecki.

Earned draw

ARDEER earned a draw with the strong defensive tactics which left the talented Kingsville forward line goalless for the first time this season in District soccer.

Kingsville suffered a setback when centre-half Canae Ciljanovski was injured just before half-time, and the defence had to be reshuffled.

Both teams missed chances, but Ardeer defender Ostapczk played a great game and held his defence together for the full 90 minutes to keep Kingsville out.

It was unfortunate that there was no official referee present for this game, which was one of the main district league matches of the day, and three Ardeer players were reported by the unofficial referee.

Hawksburn provided the shock of the round with a well-deserved 3-3 draw against Langwarrin. Horanyi, the centre-forward, who joined Hawksburn from Sandringham, scored a hat-trick for his new club and in defence half-back Bona was outstanding.

In a local derby Carlton took advantage of East Carlton's defensive errors to ram home two quick goals in the first 15 minutes. It was not until just before half-time that East reduced the arrears through Barosso from close range.

Although East Carlton equalisel early in the second half when centre-half Vilic scored from the penalty spot, their forwards were once again off target and missed many chances.

North Altona, unable to arrest their slide down the Western League ladder, were easily beaten 5-1 by Pascoe Vale.

North added to their downfall by playing below form and with little teamwork. Added to this, linkman Franco Ferrari wants a transfer to Triestina, but the club are not too happy about it, and have placed him under suspension.

Fawkner played attacking soccer to defeat Middle Park by the odd goal in three; they opened the score at 25 minutes, when Cosmano crossed the ball from the left wing and Tonitta cleverly pushed it back for Bulch to blast home into the top corner of the net and cap off a burst of fine team-play.

Vince Marrama, the goalkeeper Fawkner paid $20 for, was having a fine game between the posts and it finally took a penalty to beat him late in the game.

The Diamond Creek versus Elsternwick game was a one-sided affair, which Elsternwick used to boost their goal average with a 12-1 win. Goals came fast and furiously from Kostronin 5, Mladenovic 3, Buzdevic 2, Ancric and Galin.

The young Diamond Creek team saw their persistence rewarded when they scored their first goal of the season through Case Devisser.

Regent, in a close and entertaining game, managed to defeat Lorimer United 4-3 by grabbing the winner in the very last minutes of the game.

Many district League clubs have been complaining that referees are still asking for an $8.00 fee. Clubs in this position should show the referees the prescribed fees set out by the VSF, which state clearly that the referee's fee for District League matches is $6.00.

LADDER

Central Division: Keon Park 11, Anstey 10, Fitzroy 9, Elsternwick 9, Fawkner 8, Regent 7, W. Preston 6, Lorimer 2, Middle Park 2, Diamond Creek 0.

Western Division: Kingsville 13, Ardeer 10, Garden City 8, E. Carlton 7, Pascoe Vale 6, Melton 5, N. Altona 5, Carlton 3, Yarraville 3, N. Sunshine 2, Yarraville v. N. Sunshine results unknown.

Eastern Division: Chadstone 10, Frankston Pines 9, Oakleigh 9, Langwarrin 8, Northcote City 7, Hawksburn 6, Cheltenham 5, Sth. Dandenong 4, Army Apprentices 2, Frognall 0.

SELECTIONS

Eastern Division: Chadstone, Langwarrin, Hawksburn, Cheltenham. **Central Division:** Fitzroy, Elsternwick, Middle Park, Fawkner. **Western Division:** Carlton, Melton, Kingsville and Ardeer City draw.

·The juniors

By JOHN ROBB

The Under 14 State Selectors have adopted a sound idea with their decision to retain 18 boys in the Victorian squad.

By keeping these boys in training for the rest of the season, they hope to ensure a nucleus of talent being available for the higher-age groups of the future.

If this idea is carried out through all age groups, eventually a steady stream of home-grown talent will be available to senior clubs. The boys selected are:

Goalkeepers: M. Tsivoglou (Hellas), G. Bentley (South Sunshine).

Full-Backs: R. Gilpin (Altona), S. Gerrish (Bayswater).

Half-Backs: C. Mullett (Ringwood City, T. Bapticciotti (Hellas), D. Christians (Doveton), B. Roberts (Altona), G. Wilson (Doveton), I. Young (Doveton).

Forwards: M. Ristic (Hellas), S. Pongho (Ringwood City), A. Downs (Altona), P. Sloan (Hellas), C. Lucchesi (Waverley City), N. Little (Altona), T. Repanis (Hellas), C. Scabrou (Hellas).

Whilst an Under 14 squad is now settled, the committee for the Under 16 selection are disappointed with the poor response to their request for nominations of suitable boys.

It was hoped that by this stage, training would have commenced. However, it is expected that if clubs cooperate quickly, the first boys should be brought together within two weeks.

In the past few weeks several erring officials have been disciplined by the I. & D. Committee, so it is heartening to hear from two club officials complimenting their opponents for sportsmanship.

Both games were first round cup ties, the first between Doncaster B and USC Lions Under 12's at Donvale oval. The Lions officials were high in their praise for the little Doncaster boys, who were beaten only by the odd goal after extra time in a very sporting and entertaining match.

The second game was between Peninsula and Frankston Pines. This game see-sawed goal for goal, with the Pines eventually winning 3-2. Both these games displayed the type of football that should be indicative of junior soccer.

RESULTS

Under 8: Peninsula 1, Seaford 0 (friendly).

Under 14: Ardeer 1, Sth. Sunshine 1 (friendly).

Under 16 Cup Replay: Corio A 2, Ajax 0.

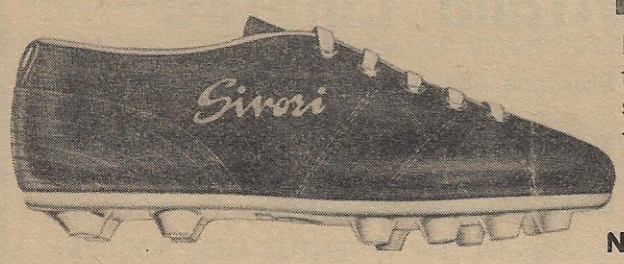
Under 10: Waverley City 10, Doveton 2; Croydon 6, Doncaster B 0; Eltham 8, Box Hill 0; Sunshine City 15, Sunshine Heights B 0; St. Albans 6, J.U.S.T. 0; Altona 2, Lions 0; Sunshine Heights Slavia 2, South Sunshine 1 ; Peninsula 0, Frankston City 5; Ringwood City 1, Doncaster A 2.

Under 12: Waverley City 6, Croydon 0; Werribee 0, Corio 10; Sunshine City 10, Keilor 0; Eltham 1, Rosanna 0; J.U.S.T. 6, Melbourne A 0; Mooroolbark 0, Ringwood City 1; Plenty 0, Diamond Creek 0; Springvale 3, Croatia 0; Peninsula 0, Frankston City 4; Bayswater 4, Box Hill 1; Sunshine Heights Slavia 2, Sth. Sunshine 4; Doncaster A 13, Doncaster B 0; Clayton 0, Melbourne 10; W. Newport 19, Newport 0.

Under 14: Sandringham 7, Brighton 0; W. Newport 2, Corio 2; Sunshine City 3, Keilor 2; Doveton A 9, Waverley City 0; J.U.S.T. 17, Melbourne 0; Lions 8, Fawkner 0; Mooroolbark 2, Bayswater 6; Melton 0, Elwood 5; George Cross 5, Hakoah 0; Hellas 4, Croatia 0; Doveton B 0, Dandenong 9.

Under 16: Sandringham 1, Doncaster 5; Elwood 9, Corio B 2; Sunshine City 3, Keilor 2; J.U.S.T. 2, Altona 1; Box Hill 2, Waverley City 2; Springvale 0, Ringwood City 9; Glenroy 2, Heidelberg 4; George Cross 5, Hakoah 1; Diamond Creek 0, Alexander 10; Hellas 0, Croatia 3; Doveton 3, Chelsea 0.

Under 18: J.U.S.T. 4, George Cross 0; Bayswater 1, Dandenong 9; Clayton 1, Ferntree Gully 2; Doveton 1, Alexander 7; Croatia 1, Ardeer 5.



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Ringwood City Wilhelmina	8	7	0	1	18	3	14
South Melbourne Hellas	8	6	1	1	23	12	13
Footscray J.U.S.T.	8	5	1	2	14	8	11
Juventus	8	4	2	2	14	8	10
Lions	8	5	0	3	17	14	10
Hakoah	8	3	2	3	13	13	8
Croatia	8	3	1	4	12	9	7
George Cross	8	3	1	4	10	12	7
Port Melbourne Slavia	8	3	1	4	7	13	7
Melbourne	8	1	2	5	6	13	4
Box Hill	8	1	1	6	9	19	3
Polonia	8	1	0	7	5	24	2

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Alexander	8	7	1	0	20	4	15
Dandenong City	8	5	2	1	20	11	12
Keilor City	8	4	2	2	16	11	10
Ringwood United	8	4	2	2	19	13	10
Elwood Austria	8	5	0	3	14	11	10
Preston Makedonia	8	2	3	3	11	12	7
Springvale	8	2	3	3	8	9	7
Altona	8	2	2	4	7	15	6
Sunshine City	8	1	3	4	11	13	5
Coburg	8	2	1	5	12	22	5
Maribyrnong Triestina	8	1	3	4	8	19	5
St. Albans	8	2	0	6	11	17	4

DIVISION TWO

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Frankston City	8	6	0	2	22	13	12
Richmond	8	5	1	2	22	13	11
Brunswick Athena	8	4	3	1	15	10	11
Prahran	8	4	2	2	18	11	10
Waverley	8	5	0	3	15	10	10
Yallourn	8	4	2	2	14	13	10
Green Gully Ajax	8	4	1	3	17	12	9
Albion Rovers	8	4	1	3	14	12	9
Moreland Thistle	8	3	0	5	10	16	6
Ferntree Gully	8	2	0	6	10	20	4
Sandringham	8	1	1	6	6	13	3
Park Rangers	8	0	1	7	4	24	1

DIVISION THREE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Ballarat	8	5	2	1	14	7	12
Brighton	8	5	1	2	17	9	11
East Melbourne Helvetic	8	5	1	2	21	12	11
St. Kilda	8	5	1	2	28	17	11
Princes Park Hercules	8	4	2	2	18	10	10
Croydon	8	4	2	2	15	15	10
Heidelberg	8	4	0	4	17	18	8
Clayton	8	2	2	4	13	17	6
Bayswater	8	2	1	5	20	23	5
Glenroy	8	2	1	5	10	22	5
Chelsea	8	2	0	6	10	18	4
University of Melbourne	8	0	3	5	7	22	3

DIVISION FOUR

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Mooroolbark	8	6	1	1	22	5	13
Newport	8	6	1	1	24	7	13
Western Suburbs	8	5	1	2	21	7	11
Monash University	8	5	1	2	22	16	11
Doncaster Rovers	8	4	0	4	21	11	8
Corio	8	3	2	3	13	11	8
Eltham	8	4	0	4	22	19	8
North Carlton Olympic	8	3	1	4	22	16	7
Moorabbin	8	2	1	5	9	14	5
South Yarra	8	2	1	5	12	22	5
Mornington	8	2	1	5	15	28	5
Rosebud	8	1	0	7	5	52	2

STATE LEAGUE

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Ringwood City Wilhelmina	8	7	1	0	32	9	15
Footscray J.U.S.T.	8	5	2	1	17	8	12
South Melbourne Hellas	8	5	2	1	15	8	12
Juventus	8	4	2	2	24	6	10
Port Melbourne Slavia	8	4	1	3	11	11	9
Polonia	8	4	1	3	12	17	9
Lions	8	3	1	4	16	16	7
Melbourne	8	3	1	4	5	11	7
Hakoah	8	1	3	4	10	14	5
Box Hill	8	2	1	5	9	18	5
George Cross	8	1	2	5	15	30	4
Croatia	8	0	1	7	4	22	1

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE RESERVES

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Keilor City	8	8	0	0	35	11	16
Altona	8	6	0	2	21	14	12
Springvale	8	4	2	2	19	14	10
Elwood Austria	8	3	3	2	19	14	9
Sunshine City	8	4	1	3	17	18	9
Ringwood United	8	4	0	4	23	18	8
Dandenong City	8	2	3	3	18	14	7
Alexander	8	2	2	4	12	13	6
Coburg	7	2	2	3	13	17	6
St. Albans	7	1	2	4	8	15	4
Maribyrnong Triestina	8	2	0	6	8	36	4
Preston Makedonia	8	0	3	5	10	19	3

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DIVISION TWO RESERVES

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Albion Rovers	8	8	0	0	25	5	16
Waverley	8	6	1	1	30	5	13
Prahran	8	4	2	2	22	7	10
Yallourn	8	5	0	3	26	12	10
Frankston City	8	4	1	3	19	13	9
Richmond	8	4	0	4	12	11	8
Park Rangers	8	4	0	4	13	16	8
Green Gully Ajax	8	3	1	4	16	16	7
Ferntree Gully	8	3	0	5	9	11	6
Moreland Thistle	8	1	1	6	10	26	3
Brunswick Athena	8	1	1	6	7	39	3
Sandringham	8	1	1	6	1	29	3

Includes corrections — 3rd May, Springvale Res. 0 Keilor City Res. 4 (not 0-3); 17th May, Green Gully Ajax 0 Ferntree Gully 1 (not 1-0).

DIVISION THREE RESERVES

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Clayton	8	7	0	1	37	12	14
Bayswater	8	6	2	0	24	12	14
Croydon	8	5	2	1	19	16	12
Princes Park Hercules	8	5	1	2	22	16	11
Brighton	8	5	0	3	24	17	10
Glenroy	8	4	1	3	18	18	9
University of Melbourne	8	2	2	4	18	20	6
Heidelberg	8	2	2	4	18	21	6
East Melbourne Helvetic	8	2	2	4	12	18	6
Chelsea	8	2	0	6	13	17	4
St. Kilda	8	0	3	5	14	30	3
Ballarat	8	0	1	7	7	29	1

DIVISION FOUR RESERVES

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Mooroolbark	8	8	0	0	43	6	16
Newport	8	5	2	1	30	11	12
North Carlton Olympic	8	6	0	2	29	14	12
South Yarra		5	2	1	29	16	12
South Yarra	8	5	2	1	29	16	12
Doncaster Rovers	8	4	1	3	28	19	9
Corio	8	4	1	3	14	18	9
Western Suburbs	8	3	1	4	26	22	7
Monash University	8	3	1	4	12	19	7
Moorabbin	8	2	2	4	15	27	6
Eltham	8	2	0	6	14	36	4
Mornington	8	1	0	7	11	25	2
Rosebud	8	0	0	8	11	49	0

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

STATE LEAGUE

Saturday, 31st May

Juventus ..... v. Lions .....
(Olympic Park). Referee: Harrison.

Hakoah ..... v. Box Hill .....
(Middle Park). Referee: Lamb.

Polonia ..... v. Slavia .....
(Maribyrnong). Referee: Dixon.

Sunday, 1st June

Croatia ..... v. Sth. Melb. Hellas .....
Olympic Park). Referee: Stafrace.

Footscray J.U.S.T. ..... v. R'wood City Wilh. .....
(Schintler Reserve). Referee: Contini.

Melbourne ..... v. George Cross .....
(St. Kilda Road C.G.). Referee: Alexandrou.

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE

Elwood Austria ..... v. Alexander .....
Dandenong City ..... v. Preston Makedonia .....
Keilor City ..... v. Altona City .....
Maribyrnong Triestina ..... v. St. Albans .....
Springvale ..... v. Ringwood United .....
Sunshine City ..... v. Coburg .....

DIVISION TWO

Sandringham City ..... v. Yallourn .....
Frankston City ..... v. Prahran City .....
Moreland Thistle ..... v. Albion Rovers .....
Park Rangers ..... v. Green Gully Ajax .....
Waverley ..... v. Richmond .....
Brunswick Athena ..... v. Ferntree Gully .....

DIVISION THREE

Princes Park Herc. ..... v. Univ. of Melbourne .....
Chelsea ..... v. Glenroy .....
Croydon ..... v. Bayswater .....
E. Melb. Helvetic ..... v. Clayton .....
St. Kilda ..... v. Heidelberg .....
Ballarat ..... v. Brighton .....

DIVISION FOUR

Nth. Carlton Olympic ..... v. South Yarra .....
Eltham ..... v. Mornington .....
Moorabbin ..... v. Western Suburbs .....
Mooroolbark ..... v. Monash University .....
Rosebud ..... v. Newport .....
Corio ..... v. Doncaster Rovers .....

THIRDS COMPETITION

Croydon ..... v. Frankston City .....
Dandenong ..... v. Ringwood United .....
Brighton ..... v. Clayton .....
Mooroolbark ..... v. Doncaster .....
Univ. of Melb. ..... v. Hakoah .....
Springvale ..... v. Waverley .....

DISTRICT LEAGUE

EASTERN DIVISION

Northcote City ..... v. Bye .....
Bye ..... v. Oakleigh .....
Frognal ..... v. Chadstone .....
Langwarrin ..... v. Frankston Pines .....
Sth. Dandenong ..... v. Hawksburn .....
Army Apprentices ..... v. Cheltenham .....

WESTERN DIVISION

Pascoe Vale ..... v. Bye .....
Carlton ..... v. North Altona .....
Melton ..... v. East Carlton .....
Nth. Sunshine ..... v. Kingsville .....
Bye ..... v. Yarraville .....
Ardeer ..... v. Garden City .....

CENTRAL DIVISION

Regent ..... v. Fitzroy .....
Elsternwick ..... v. Lorimer .....
Middle Park ..... v. Diamond Creek .....
Bye ..... v. Keon Park .....
Bye ..... v. West Preston .....
Anstey ..... v. Fawkner .....

RESERVE DIVISION

Bye ..... v. North Sunshine .....
Carlton ..... v. East Carlton .....
Bye ..... v. Chadstone .....
Langwarrin ..... v. Frankston Pines .....
South Dandenong ..... v. Army Signals .....
Army Apprentices ..... v. Fawkner .....

LATROBE VALLEY

Seniors: Moe 0 v. Newborough 2; Monash 5 v. Warragul 2; Rangers 0 v. Pegasus 8; Falcons 1 v. Fortuna 2. **Reserves:** Moe 3 v. Newborough 11; Monash 2 v. Warragul 0; Rangers 0 v. Pegasus 5; Falcons 0 v. Fortuna 7.

SENIORS

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Newborough	5	0	1	24	6	10
Pegasus	5	0	1	19	7	10
Monash	3	0	2	15	10	6
Moe	3	0	2	9	8	6
Fortuna	2	0	3	17	20	4
Traralgon	2	0	3	13	17	4
Warragul	2	0	4	10	19	4
Falcons	1	1	3	5	11	3
Rangers	0	1	4	5	19	1

RESERVES

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Newborough	6	0	0	46	3	12
Monash	5	0	0	11	3	10
Pegasus	3	0	3	21	10	6
Fortuna	3	0	2	14	12	6
Rangers	2	0	3	14	14	4
Warragul	2	0	4	14	21	4
Traralgon	1	0	4	9	20	2
Moe	1	0	4	8	21	2
Falcons	1	0	4	4	38	2

GEELONG-BALLARAT

FIRST DIVISION 17-18 MAY

Hamlyn Rangers 4 v. Geelong City 1, abandoned half time; Geelong West 0 v. Geelong 5; North Geelong 2 v. Indesco 0; Bell Park 4 v. Belmont 0. Byes: Wendouree, Mt. Clear.

SECOND DIVISION 17-18 MAY

Hamlyn Rangers 1 v. Geelong City 4; Geelong West 0 v. Geelong 4; North Geelong 3 v. Brintons 4; Bell Park 5 v. Belmont 1; Langi Kal Kal 2 v. Wendouree 4. Bye: Mt. Clear.

GEELONG LITTLE SOCCER LEAGUE 17 MAY

Herne Hill 2 v. Norlane T-Birds 0; Barwon Tigers 10 v. Mighty Midgets 0; Newcomb Wanderers 1 v. Red Devils 4; Newcomb United 1 v. Bell Post Hill 2.

LEAGUE TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Geelong	5	0	1	26	3	10
Bell Park	4	2	0	15	3	10
Mt. Clear	3	2	0	16	9	8
H'lyn Rang.	3	1	1	13	7	7
Geelong C.	3	0	2	13	7	6
N. Geelong	2	0	4	11	16	4
Geelong W.	2	0	4	8	17	4
Belmont	1	1	4	7	16	3
Indesco	1	0	5	12	28	2
Wendouree	1	0	4	6	20	2

YOUR COLUMN

CONDUCTED BY GEORGE YELLAND

SIR,

I am a Hungarian (16 years in Australia) and I am a permanent reader of your paper, but my two sons and myself are missing very much, news about players, also goalscoring lists each week.

My two sons complain that you are favouring, in your junior column, north of the Yarra. Junior League tables NEVER appear in your publication.

Also your back page should not be called "Soccer Abroad," but "Soccer in England." Can you improve?

Yours, etc.,
SANDOR
Barkly St., St. Kilda.

● **I suggest you write direct to John Robb, c/o Soccer House, 52 Fitzroy St., St. Kilda, on matters connected with Juniors. Reference to favouring north of Yarra puzzles me. It is the Junior Federation now, there is no north of Yarra. "Soccer Abroad" is still causing problems, but we are doing what we can. EDITOR.**

SIR,

I am a soccer follower for many years and have had Soccer News for the same time. I just want to know if it is possible to have League ladders from other States?

Yours, etc.,
A. J. LENSEN,
Bayswater.

● **This is another service that we are trying to arrange. We hope to provide it in the near future. — EDITOR.**

SIR,

I have enjoyed your news items on "Soccer News" all through the season.

I have written to you to ask you if you could tell me where I can find some photographs of League players.

Could you please advise me where to find them through "Soccer News," because I know of many fans who would also like them.

Yours, etc.,
R. BARCA,
5 Armstrong St.,
Coburg 3058.

● **We think this is an important aspect of soccer promotion. Overseas clubs have signed photographs of all their players available to fans on request.**

State League clubs might well give this aspect of the game plenty of thought.

"Soccer News" photographs are avaliable at $1.50 for a picture 8in. by 6in. Postal notes for $1.50 and a copy of the picture required should be sent to P.O. Box 119, Glen Waverley, 3150.— EDITOR.

SIR,

First I would like to thank you for the wonderful job you are doing for the thousands of soccer readers, in your "Soccer News" report, which I read every week.

The reason that I am writing you this letter is that I would like to report last week's game in the first round of the Under 16's Cup. Hellas 7 Elwood Austria 3 . . .

(The writer gives a clear and detailed account of the game and compliments the youngsters of both sides, also the referee on a fine performance.)

Hellas scorers were Hasapis 3, Vassiliadis 2, Daperis 1, Kladakis 1.

Thank you once again and keep up your good work.

Yours, etc.,
G. KARAKYRIAKOS,
Middle Park.

● **Letters like this give us encouragement to continue in our efforts. It requires far more work than many realise to present an interesting and factual paper, week after week. Pass the news to your fellow soccer fans. Only by wide sales can we continue to give this service to Victoria's soccer public. Producing a paper is a costly business.**

SIR,

When "Soccer News" came back, I wrote asking that grounds and some history of clubs might be printed.

I am very grateful that this has been done in recent weeks.

I and, I am sure, many others, find them helpful and interesting . . . I was particularly interested in the success story of Keilor City. It would be helpful if you could give team colours in this feature . . .

I have seen State League, Metropolitan and District games. The most attractive one was a District game between Chadstone and South Dandenong, which Chadstone won 8-1. This Chadstone team is very good. If anyone wants to see good, attractive, orthodox soccer, they should go have a look at Chadstone.

Thank you for printing these items and good luck to the continued success of "Soccer News."

Yours, etc.,
WILLIAM B. COOK,
Warrigal Rd., Ashburton.

● **Glad we please our readers and thanks for good wishes. Grand to hear that District is turning in some good soccer. — EDITOR.**

The Management Committee of the District League has agreed to permit Prahran, Werribee and Army Signals to play District matches on a friendly basis. Fixtures should be mutually arranged by the Victorian Soccer Federation advised in good time.

EASTERN DIVISION: *Prahran Thirds*—Mr. B. Fraser, 29 Langford Street, Surrey Hills. Tel. 60 0771 (day), 83 4336 (eve). Cannot play at home on Sundays, wish to play all games away. Take bye or Doveton fixtures as in Year Book (p. 51).

WESTERN DIVISION: *Werribee*—Mr. D. A. Care, 18 College Road, Werribee. Ground: Galvin Park, Market Road, Werribee. Colours: White shirts, blue shorts, yellow and black socks. Alternate colours: yellow and black. Take bye A or B fixtures as in Year Book (p. 59).

RESERVES DIVISION: *Army Signals*—Capt. P. Travis, School of Signals, Balcombe. Tel. Mt. Martha 41441, ext. 334. Ground: Mairs Park, Wilsons Road, Mornington. Colours: To be advised. Due to the many changes in the Reserves Division a revised fixture list is enclosed incorporating the amendments.

NOTE: For all the above, games do not count for League tables due to late stage of entry of teams.

AUSTRALIAN RESULTS

SATURDAY

NSW. — Division 1: New Lambton, Adamstown 2-3, W. Wallsend, Weston 0-1; APIA, Yugal 2-1; Prague, Budapest 0-1.

Division 2: RAAF, Merewether 2-2; Stockton, Maitland 2-1; Artarmon, Nth. Sydney 3-1.

Inter-Suburban. — Division 1: Thistle (NSW), Lane Cove 6-2; Lidcombe, Blacktown 3-4; Sth. Sydney Belmore 1-2; Concordia, Guildford 0-0; Wenty, Marrickville 3-0; East Side, Riverside 4-5.

Division 2: Penright bye, St. Mary's withdrawn; Ryde, Auburn Jun. 2-0; Enmore, Condell Pk. 4-1; Arncliffe, Rovers (NSW) 1-2; Granville, Warringah 2-3; Yagoona, NSW Univ. 0-0.

VICTORIA. — State League: Lion (V.), Melbourne 2-1; Slavia, J.U.S.T. 0-2; Box Hill, Polonia 3-1.

Division 1: Alexander, Springvale 2-0; Makedonia, Austria 0-2; Altona, Dandenong 0-3; Ringwood, Triestina 5-1; Coburg, Keilor 1-4; St. Albans, Sunshine C 2-1.

Division 2: Yallourn Waverley 1-0; Prahran, Sandringham 3-0; Albion R., Frankston 1-2; Richmond, Pk. Rangers 6-0; Ferntree, Moreland 2-0; Ajax, Athena (V) 1-1.

Division 3: University (V), St. Kilda 0-3; Glenroy, Hercules 1-2; Bayswater (V), Chelsea 1-3; Heidelberg, Helvetic 2-0; Brighton, Croydon 1-1; Clayton, Ballarat 1-1.

Division 4: South Yarra, Rosebud 4-1; Mornington, Olympic (V) 6-1; ICI, Eltham 2-1; Newport, Mooroolbark 3-0; Doncaster, Moorabbin 3-1; Monash, Corio 2-2.

QUEENSLAND. — Division 1: Thistle (Q), St. Helens 0-3; Coalstars, Polonia (Q) 0-3.

Division 2: Mitchelton, East 1-0; South Coast (Q), Budapest (Q) 2-3; Latrobe, Toowong 7-0.

Division 3: Redcliffe, Bardon 3-3; University (Q), Taringa 0-5.

SA. — Division 1: Victoria, Beograd 2-0; Eastern, Budapest (SA) 0-2; Elizabeth, Lion (SA) 0-1; Hellas, Polonia (SA) 3-0; Juventus (SA) v. Croatia (SA) 3-0.

Division 2: Salisbury, Wakefield 2-1; Malta, Birkdalla 1-2; Sturt, Para Hills 2-4; Cumberland, Pt. Adelaide 1-0; Windsor, Campbelltown 2-1.

Division 3: Taperoo, Sth. Adelaide 3-3; Flinders, Mitcham 0-5; Modbury, W. Torrens 3-1; Western (SA), Don 1-4.

TASMANIA. — South: Rapids, Metro 2-0; Juventus (T), Olympia 0-3; Cracovia (T), Sth. Hobart 2-1, Eagles, Calies 0-2.

North: Olympic (T), Rovers (T) 0-4; Ulverstone, Launceston R. 2-2; Devonport, Launceston U. 0-3; George Town, Spartans 1-5; Northern, S. Launceston 5-1.

WA.—State League: Cracovia (WA), Swan Valley 2-1; Swan Ath., Cottesloe 2-2; Azzurri (WA), Kiev 3-3; Windmills, Tricolore 1-6.

Division 2: Caledonians, Medina 6-2; Athena (WA), Julia 4-1; Melville, Perth City 1-2; Cockburn, Bayswater (WA) 6-2.

Division 3: Victoria, Dalmatinac 4-2; Bassendean, Scarboro 2-3; Croatia (WA), Sth. Perth 3-2; Queens Pk., Sports 1-1.

Sunday

VICTORIA.—State League: S. Melbourne, Juventus 0-0; Wilhelmina, Croatia (V) 1-0; George C., Hakoah (V) 1-3.

NSW.—In Sydney: NSW, New Caledonia 6-0.

Federation.—Division 2: Balgownie, Bankstown 2-2 (originally scheduled for June 1).

North.—Division 1: Hamilton Newcastle 1-0; Cessnock, L. Macquarie 4-1; Wallsend, Toronto 4-0; Cardiff, Belmont 1-4.

Division 2: Charlestown, Mayfield 2-4; Dudley, Jesmond 1-4; W. Lakes, Whitebridge 2-3; Y. Wallsend, Central 3-3.

QUEENSLAND. — Division 1: Hellenic, Azzurri 2-1; Germania Hollandia 0-3; Oxley, Merton 1-2.

Division 2: Dnipro, Annerley 1-2; Willowburn, Newmarket 4-4; G.A.P., Wynnum 0-6.

Division 3: Redlands, Mt. Gravatt 4-2.

SYDNEY TABLES

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
HAKOAH	9	7	1	1	20	9	15
SOUTH COAST	9	7	2	-	21	13	14
ST GEORGE-BUDAPEST	10	5	2	3	24	8	13
APIA	10	5	2	3	17	9	13
PRAGUE	10	4	3	3	14	7	11
CROATIA	9	5	3	1	19	9	11
MELITA EAGLES	9	3	3	3	13	10	9
CANTERBURY	9	3	3	3	9	11	9
PAN HELLENIC	9	2	4	3	9	15	7
AUBURN	9	2	6	1	11	18	5
POLONIA NORTH SIDE	9	1	7	1	3	20	3
YUGAL-RYDE	10	-	8	2	10	39	2

BRISBANE TABLES

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
HOLLANDIA	6	5	1	-	24	6	10
POLONIA	6	4	1	1	16	7	9
HELLENIC	6	4	2	-	15	13	8
MERTON	6	3	2	1	8	9	7
ST HELENS	6	2	2	2	9	7	6
GRANGE THISTLE	6	3	3	-	9	15	6
OXLEY	6	2	3	1	10	14	5
AZZURRI	6	2	4	-	8	11	4
GERMANIA	6	1	4	1	2	13	3
COALSTARS	6	1	5	-	10	16	2

ADELAIDE TABLES

	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
HELLAS	5	-	2	16	5	12
CROATIA	5	1	2	17	9	12
LION	5	2	1	14	8	11
VICTORIA	4	2	2	12	11	10
AZZURRI	4	4	-	16	19	8
BUDAPEST	4	1	3	14	15	7
JUVENTUS	2	5	1	9	11	5
POLONIA	1	4	3	4	7	4
BEOGRAD	2	6	-	6	16	4
ELIZABLTH	2	5	-	2	9	4

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Ban on World Cup players

Players who turn out in World Cup games in Mexico next year will not be eligible for the 1972 Olympic tournament in Munich.

This decision was made by F.I.F.A., the world-ruling body, at its meeting in Amsterdam.

But the new rule will not apply to players keeping within the amateur regulations of F.I.F.A. and the International Olympic Committee.

Such an example would be countries which play only amateur soccer.

The Olympic tournament will be played from August 27 to September 9, 1972, with teams figuring in four-nation groups.

In contrast to the Mexico set-up, both the group winners and runners-up will qualify for semi-final groups of four nations each.

In each group, both in the first round and the semis, the teams will play a round-robin tournament.

Winners of the semi-final groups will meet in the final and the runners-up will play for the bronze medal.

F.I.F.A. will announce the form of the qualification groups in September next year. Games will have to be played between November 1, 1970, and May 31, 1972.

F.I.F.A. also decided that the World Cup semis must be played on June 17, 1970.

Mexican organisers had asked for separate dates but were told this could cause a fixture problem.

One semi-final will be played at Guadalajara and the other in the magnificent Mexico City Aztec Stadium.

Agreement on broadcasting rights between Telesistema Mexicano and Eurovision is expected to be reached soon.

Unhappy days for 'the City'

It has certainly been an eventful time for Manchester City since they clinched the division one title at the end of the 1967-68 season.

The only trouble has been that a lot of the news came from off-the-field activities.

On-off transfer deals involving Stan Horne, David Connor and Bobby Kennedy brought a stream of conflicting reports from Maine Road. The fans were left wondering what was happening.

After the title win assistant manager and coach Malcolm Allison came out with a statement that was to haunt him a few months later — "We will terrify Europe."

City went out in the FIRST round of the European Cup.

The title success was celebrated with an ill-fated tour of America, without Colin Bell and Mike Summerbee, who were on international duty.

The team was hit by injury and their results against second rate opposition were little short of disastrous.

On top of that there were subsequent complaints and an F.A. inquiry into the tour.

Allison was back in the news earlier this year when he resumed his flirtation with Coventry City.

His old friend, Noel Cantell, the former Manchester United player, dangled a tempting $6000 carrot before him to take over as Coventry coach.

For a while it seemed Allison would bite but after debating his position at Maine Road he was called before the board.

Meanwhile Mike Summerbee had suggested that he and several other players would be on the move if Allison went.

But, happily, the board meeting ended with smiles all round. City recovered from a shaky League start, got down to the job of soccer and went on to triumph at Wembley.

Princess Anne, now 18, presents the F.A. Cup to to Manchester City skipper Tony Book after his team had defeated Leicester City 1-0 at Wembley.

"Darling" in the No. 9....

Everton's Joe Royle is one of those "darlings of the fans" — a big 'un in a No. 9 jersey who scores with feet and head.

But in his early days he did not put everything he had into his game. But he has improved steadily and given hints of greatness.

Manager Harry Catterick says: "We haven't seen the half of this chap. For instance, he has tremendous shooting power which few know of yet.

"I am unpopular with Joe because I work him, and go on working him.

"There is a simple reason for this. I KNOW there is so much more to come. When he is older he will thank me for what is being done now."

MAN AMONG THE GOALS

When Alan Ashman took over as manager of West Brom, Tony Brown was a good midfield player who bagged the odd goal.

Now he has earned the rating — agreed on by several experts — of being a great player and a great goal-scorer.

This follows a good bag of goals this season in League, FA Cup and European Cup Winners' Cup games.

The previous season — his first under the Ashman management — he netted 11 League and four FA Cup goals.

Says Ashman: "When I came to Albion I noticed Tony had a fault common to too many players. He was inclined to get his head down and move to a position where he expected the ball to arrive.

"He did not keep his eye on what was happening but often ended up in a good position. Unfortunately it was one that the ball wan't reaching.

"Now he weighs things up much better and goes when it is 'on'! Mind you, I have to keep on at him about it."

ES & A CARDS

The E.S. & A. Savings Bank has produced its popular ladder and fixtures cards again this year. They are available, free of charge, at many of the bank's city and suburban branches.

The card also features other interesting soccer information — including — The Final Table for 1968, League Championship winners and Dockerty Cup ners of past years.

TAFFY ON POOLS

With six draws again last Saturday, it will be another big pay-out again. But, don't tell the boss what to do with his job if you have 22 points because Perm. punters will be well catered for.

There were four draws in Victoria and two in W.A. The balance of the coupons was made up of 20 Aways and 28 Homes.

Here are the dividends in sterling currency for Saturday, May 17, when there were Six Draws on Littlewoods and five Draws on Vernons:

LITTLEWOODS

Treble Chance: 22 points £2,223/9/- for 1d.; 21½ pts., £239/13/-; 21 pts., £11/18/-; 20½ pts., £3/14/-; 20 pts., 16/-.

Twelve Match Results Pool: 12 correct, £739/16/- for 2d.; 11 correct, £16/4/-; 10 correct, 16/-.

Three Draws: 236/-.

VERNONS

Treble Chance: 21 pts., £70/6/- for a farthing; 20½ pts., £13/-/-; 20 pts., 12/-; 19½ pts., 2/-.

Twelve Match Results Pool: 12 correct, £34/16/- for 2nd.; 11 correct, £1. No third dividend.

Three Draws: 312/-.

With the low number of draws, the Three Draws Pool on both the above were disappointing.

And now for next Saturday week, June 7, the following should win at home, for the stake saving.

Budapest N.S.W.
*Hellenic Qld.
*Alexander
*Coburg
*Sunshine City
Athena
*Prahran
*Richmond
Ballarat
*Brighton
*Monash
*Eastern S.A.
*Malta S.A.
*Azzurri W.A.
Cracovia W.A.
*Cockburn W.A.

THREE DRAWS

Hellenic v. Auburn N.S.W.
Slavia v. Wilhelmina
Clayton v. St. Kilda

And now for the big money, we hope, the following should be good bets for your treble chance:

TREBLE CHANCE

Hamilton v. Wallsend N.S.W.
*Hellenic v. Auburn N.S.W.
*G.A.P. v. Annerley Qld.
Toowong v. Wynnum Qld.
*Slavia v. Wilhelmina
Makedonia v. Keilor
*Ajax v. Waverley
*Yallourn v. Frankston
*Clayton v. St. Kilda
Glenroy v. Croydon
*Corio v. Mooroolbark
Budapest v. Hellas S.A.
*Polonia v. Croatia S.A.
Para Hills v. Windsor S.A.
University v. Perth City W.A.

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RESULTS

STATE LEAGUE

Lions v. Melbourne, 2-1 (Reserves 0-1); Port Melb. Slavia v. Footscray J.U.S.T. 0-2 (1-1); Box Hill v. Polonia, 3-1 (0-1); Sth. Melb. Hellas v. Juventus, 0-0 (0-4); Ringwood City Wilhelmina v. Croatia, 1-0 (4-1); George Cross v. Hakoah, 1-3 (1-4).

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

Division One

Alexander v. Springvale, 2-0 (Reserves (0-0); Preston Makedonia v. Elwood Austria, 0-2 (1-1); Altona City v. Dandenong City, 0-3 (2-1); Ringwood Utd. v. Mar'nong Triestina, 5-1 (8-0); Coburg v. Keilor City 1-4 (1-6); St. Albans v. Sunshine City, 2-1 (2-3).

Division Two

Yallourn v. Waverley, 1-0 (Reserves (2-4); Prahran City v. Sandringham City, 3-0 (4-0); Albion Rovers v. Frankston City, 1-3 (3-1); Richmond v. Park Rangers, 6-0 (0-1); Ferntree Gully v. Moreland Thistle, 2-0 (6-0); Green Gully Ajax v. Brunswick Athena, 1-1 (3-2).

Division Three

Univ. of Melbourne v. St. Kilda, 0-8 (Reserves 6-1); Glenroy Utd. v. Princes Park Hercules 1-3 (3-4); Bayswater v. Chelsea, 1-3 (3-1); Heidelberg v. East Melb. Helvetic, 2-0 (1-1); Brighton v. Croydon, 1-1 (1-3); Clayton v. Ballarat, 1-1 (13-0).

Division Four

South Yarra v. Rosebud, 4-1 (Reserves 5-2); Mornington v. North Carlton Olympic, 6-1 (1-4); Western Suburbs v. Eltham, 2-1 (1-0); Newport v. Mooroolbark, 3-0 (0-1); Doncaster Rovers v. Moorabbin, 3-1 (3-3); Monash Univ. v. Corio, 2-2 (1-2).

THIRDS COMPETITION

Waverley v. Dandenong 1-1, Hakoah v. Springvale 5-1, Clayton v. Mooroolbark 3-4, Ringwood United v. Croydon 3-2.

DISTRICT LEAGUE

Eastern Division

Oakleigh v. Northcote City 1-0, Hawksburn v. Langwarrin 3-3, Cheltenham v. Frognall 4-0, Frankston Pines v. Army Apprent. 6-1.

Western Division

Nth. Altona v. Pascoe Vale 1-5, E. Carlton v. Carlton 2-2, Garden City v. Melton 5-4, Kingsville v. Ardeer 0-0.

Central Division

Lorimer v. Regent 3-4, Diamond Creek v. Elsternwick 1-12, Fawkner v. Middle Park 2-1.

Reserve Division

Chadstone v. Carlton, w.o., Frankston Pines v. Army Apprent. 5-2.

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